approximate cost of Rs. 5,000 crore. As per procedure for such projects, the proposal was examined in the Ministry and accordingly a Concept Note and a Detailed Project Report (DPR) were sent to Planning Commission for their 'in principle' clearance. Budget provision of Rs. 75.00 Crore was also made by the Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation during the financial year 2004-05. Planning Commission sought some more details and clarifications regarding the project proposal, which were to be given by the State Government. In the meantime, Planning Commission undertook an exercise for rationalization/review of the plan schemes, wherein, the scheme of "Resettlement of slums in Dharavi" was discontinued and no provision for the scheme was kept for the year 2005-2006. Accordingly, no funds could be released for the said scheme.

Four-way tracks for Kerala

*96. SHRIN. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal of Kerala Government requesting to obtain sanction for four-way track of national highways is pending with the Central Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government would consider to accord sanction to any such project in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Handing over to SEBs to private sector

†*97. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Committee has been constituted by Government in order to make the State Electricity Boards more effective and to curb corruption in them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that by declaring the State Electricity

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Boards a failure, Government intend to handover this work to the private sector; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

State Electricity Boards are under the administrative control of respective State Government. The Electricity Act, 2003 has provisions only for reorganization of the State Electricity Boards. Any decision to privatize the electricity business is entirely upto the concerned State Government.

Abduction of Hindu girls

†*98. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that minority Hindu girls of Sindh province of Pakistan are abducted and are forcibly being married to Muslim Youth after their conversion;

(b) if so, whether Government are holding any talks with the Government of Pakistan in this regard;

(c) whether Government have come across recent press reports in this regard; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) Government is aware of the reports and intends to take up the matter with Pakistan in the next round of India-Pakistan talks.

Security to Indians working in Afghanistan

*99. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what kind of security the Government of Afghanistan is providing to the citizens of India working in Afghanistan;

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